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CIRCULAR LETTER: DHCQ 05-09-452

TO: Long-Term Care Facility Administrators

FROM: Paul Dreyer, Ph.D., Associate Commissioner

DATE: September 30, 2005

RE: Stock Medications

The attached list of Stock Medications allowed in Long Term Care Facilities has been prepared as a guideline of those items which will be allowable as "stock drugs." The list is of the generic drug names of these non-legend medications.

This list contains examples of the non-legend (OTC) medications and/or items within each category of use. This list is also based on the list of non-legend drugs from the MassHealth Drug List

You are advised that this list should by no means be interpreted as a full and complete listing of all non-legend drugs but more of a guideline. This list may be modified at a later time.

If you have any questions regarding this circular letter please call Tim MacIntyre, R.Ph. at 617-753-8118.

Stock medications allowed in a Nursing Home

This page list non-legend drugs (OTC) that are allowed as nursing home stock. The items in this list are alphabetical by therapeutic class; then by generic name of the drug or drug ingredients. The nursing home is not required to stock all items listed; only items that are prescribed for residents.

Allergy Agents, Ophthalmic

Naphcon-A (Naphazoline/
pheniramine)
Opcon-A (naphazoline/
pheniramine)
Vasocin-A (naphazoline/
atazoline)
Visine-A (Naphazoline/
pheniramine)

Anagesics:

acetaminophen
aspirin
aspirin with buffers
capsacin
ibuprofen
ketoprofen
naproxen

Antihistamines/ Decongestants:

brompheniramine
chlorpheniramine
diphenhydramine
loratadine
pseudoephedrine

Antimicrobials, Topical:

bacitracin
chlorhexidine gluconate
clotrimazole
hydrogen peroxide
iodine
isopropyl alcohol
miconazole
polymixin B
providone
tolnaftate

Gastrointestinal Products:

aluminum carbonate
aluminum hydroxide
bisacodyl
bismuth subsalicylate
casanthranol
cimetidine
cod liver oil
docusate sodium
famotidine
kaolin/pectin
loperamide
magaldrate
magnesium citrate
magnesium hydroxide
magnesium trisalicylate
meclizine
mineral oil
psyllium
ranitidine
senna
simethicone
sodium bicarbonate

Vitamins and Nutrients:

ascorbic acid
calcium carbonate
calcium citrate
calcium glubionate
calcium gluconate
calcium phosphate
cyanocobalamin
ferrous fumarate
ferrous gluconate
ferrous sulfate
folic acid
magnesium gluconate
multivitamins, N.F.
multivitamins with Iron

multivitamins with minerals
niacin
niacinamide
nicotinic acid
pyridoxine (vitamin B6)
retinol (vitamin A)
riboflavin
thiamine
vitamin B complex
vitamin D

Miscellaneous Products:

A & D ointment
ammonium lactate 12%
artificial tears
calamine lotion
carbamide peroxide
colloidal oatmeal
guaifenesin syrup
guaifenesin DM syrup
hydrocortisone
lanolin
permethrin
petrolatum
selenium sulfide
sodium chloride solution
for inhalation
water for inhalation
witch hazel
zinc oxide